

### PHENIX DC 303K £135

Chinese SLR with a Pentax K fit lens mount and a no-frills spec, offering manual exposure and centre-weighted metering. It won't turn heads in a crowd, but it's reasonably well made, highly functional, and when used carefully is capable of great results.



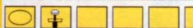
#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....M  
BODY WEIGHT .....695g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....n/a

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 50MM
- BC TEST: OCT '94

BC OVERALL RATING



### RICOH KR-10M £235

A well specified machine for the price, with an integral motordrive, wide shutter speed range and bright, crisp viewfinder with excellent focusing. Looks and handles almost like an AF SLR due to the chunky grip. Good value for money.



#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....490g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 36-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....3fps

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 50MM

BC OVERALL RATING



### MINOLTA X-9 £280

Basically this camera is an X-300s with a depth-of-field preview added to suit the photographers who need the control to judge front to back sharpness of the scene. At the moment it's on special offer with a free 220x flashgun.



#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....490g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/1000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....opt

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 35-70MM, KIT
- BC TEST: MAY '95

BC OVERALL RATING



### CENTON DF-300 £155

This is basically a re-badged Minolta X-300 with a moulded handgrip. It offers a choice of manual and aperture priority metering, accepts Minolta MD lenses, and handles well. Superb value for money, and one of the best budget SLRs available.



#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....470g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/1000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....opt

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 28-70MM
- BC TEST: JUNE '93

BC OVERALL RATING



### YASHICA 109MP £240

A traditional looking SLR with a handful of exposure modes among the usual range of features you'd expect to find on a camera of this ilk. Mode breaking stuff it ain't, but the controls are well-placed and it aims to please in every department.



#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....P, AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....510g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 16-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....1.8fps

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 35-70MM
- BC TEST: JAN '96

BC OVERALL RATING



### MINOLTA 300SI £300

All the functions of a top-end compact on a budget SLR. Minolta are aiming this camera at people who want SLR quality, but also want the ease of use of found on a compact. So you get five program modes and everything else is automatic. Basic, yes, but that's why it's only £300.



#### AUTO FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....P, PIC  
BODY WEIGHT .....380g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 30-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....1fps

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 35-70MM
- BC TEST: APR '95

BC OVERALL RATING



### YASHICA FX-3 SUPER 2000 £190

Basic manual metering model that's solidly built and easy-to-use. Its spec may be rather limiting, but performance and handling are commendable, and it accepts top quality Zeiss lenses. A lovely little fuss-free camera.



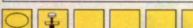
#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....M  
BODY WEIGHT .....445g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....n/a

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 50MM

BC OVERALL RATING



### MINOLTA X-300S £250

An old favourite that makes an excellent first camera for anyone dipping a tentative toe into SLR photography. Improved body styling and a crisp clear viewfinder are attractive features in this sound, reliable performer. Cheaper clones are available from Centon and Soligor.



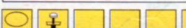
#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....490g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/1000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....opt

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 28-70MM
- BC TEST: FEB '91

BC OVERALL RATING



### CANON EOS 5000 £330

Trimmed down EOS 500, sold exclusively through Dixons with budget zoom and budget spec. The low price, simplistic design and light weight could make it popular. Focusing doesn't appear to be up to Canon's usual high speed, but we've yet to test it thoroughly.



#### AUTO FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....P, SP, PIC  
BODY WEIGHT .....340g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 30-1/2000sec  
AUTOWIND .....1fps

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 38-76MM
- BC TEST: AUG '95

BC OVERALL RATING



### PRAKTIKA BX-20S £200

Upgraded BX20 offering an excellent spec for the money including aperture-priority and manual metering, a wide shutter speed range, DX coding and depth-of-field preview. Lens system is small, but it performs well and is worth closer inspection.



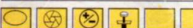
#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....510g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 40-1/1000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....n/a

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 50MM
- BC TEST: SEPT '92

BC OVERALL RATING



### PENTAX K1000 £250

A simple model that's been around for years and is favoured by photographers who like to take total control over their picture-taking. Uses manual-only metering, minimal controls, and is as tough as old boots. Still a strong contender, despite competition from cheaper rivals.



#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....M  
BODY WEIGHT .....610g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/1000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....n/a

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 50MM

BC OVERALL RATING



### MINOLTA 3X1 £350

An easy to use, SLR that's ideal for newcomers wanting a camera that will still satisfy once their experience grows. The wide range of features offer great versatility, the metering system is excellent, and it handles well to produce top quality results. Great value.



#### AUTO FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....P, AP, SP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....420g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 30-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....s/f

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 35-70MM
- BC TEST: NOV '91

BC OVERALL RATING



### COSINA C1 £220

A simply specified model with an unusual-looking lightweight body. Offers manual-only metering, an LED exposure warning in the viewfinder, and accepts Pentax K-mount lenses. Overpriced, considering the other manual and auto models available.



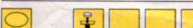
#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....M  
BODY WEIGHT .....370g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/2000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....n/a

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 35-70MM
- BC TEST: JUNE '93

BC OVERALL RATING



### PENTAX P30T £270

An excellent entry level SLR for those wanting a solid, reliable camera that's capable of super results. Traditional in both design and spec, it's a manual focus machine that handles well and looks set to be around for a while yet. Great value.



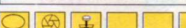
#### MANUAL FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....P, AP, M  
BODY WEIGHT .....500g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/1000sec  
FRAMES PER SEC .....n/a

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 35-90MM
- BC TEST: FEB '91

BC OVERALL RATING



### OLYMPUS IS-100S £370

Latest, and smallest, entry to the IS-range. It handles with the ease of compact but has that important through the lens viewing of an SLR and a small amount of manual control. For the person who's tired of lugging loads of gear around but wants more than a compact.



#### AUTO FOCUS

EXP. MODES .....P, AP, PIC  
BODY WEIGHT .....615g  
SHUTTER SPEEDS 1-1/2000sec  
MOTORWIND .....1fps

FEATURES  
HANDLING .....  
PERFORMANCE .....  
VALUE .....  
BC OVERALL RATING

- LENS: 28-110MM
- BC TEST: DEC '95

BC OVERALL RATING

